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SUBJECT: ISRAELI PRESS TREATMENT OF MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS

- 1. ALL PAPERS NOV 9 CARRY WHAT THEY ASSERT TO BE SUMMARY OF A PROPOSAL ALLEGEDLY WORKED OUT BY US WITH EGYPT, BROUGHT TO ISRAEL BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SISCO, AND APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE NOV 8 BY ISRAELI CABINET.
- 2. POINTS IN PROPOSAL ARE SAID TO DEAL WITH: A) AUTHORIZATION FOR NONMILITARY SUPPLIES TO EGYPTIAN THIRD ARMY UNDER UN SUPERVISION AND WITH ISRAELI INSPECTION AT UNLOADING POINT, B) POW EXCHANGE, TO START AS SOON AS UN CHECKPOINT SET UP ON SUEZ-CAIRO ROAD, C) RESOLUTION OF ISSUE OF OCT 22 LINES AS PART OF OVERALL REDEPLOYMENT TO BE WORKED OUT BY PARTIES, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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D) EGYPTIAN LIFTING OF BAB-EL MANDEB BLOCKADE--WHICH ONE

PAPER ASSERTS MAY BE OMITTED FROM OFFICIAL TEXT TO BE ISSUED BY GOI "AS GESTURE TO EGYPT," WHICH WILL LIFT BLOCKADE QUIETLY.

3. ONE PAPER (JERUSALEM POST) ADDS THAT SECOND STAGE SUPPOSEDLY WILL FOLLOW COMPLETION OF POW EXCHANGE AND WILL ENTAIL: REDEPLOYMENT OF ISRAELI FORCES TO LINE ABOUT TWENTY KM EAST OF CANAL, WITH VACATED AREA TO BE DIVIDED INTO NARROW STRIP ALONG CANAL'S EAST EDGE WHICH WILL BE POLICED BY SMALL EGYPTIAN UNITS, AND WIDER STRIP EAST OF THIS AREA WHERE UNEF TO BE STATIONED. EGYPT THEN TO THIN OUT ITS FORCES ON WEST SIDE OF CANAL. THIRD STAGE REPORTEDLY TO BE ISRAEL-EGYPT PEACE NEGOTIATIONS UNDER US-USSR AUSPICES IN GENEVA OR NICOSIA, TO START WITHIN TWO MONTHS.

4.PRESS ALSO SPECULATES ABOUT REASONS WHY GOI AGREED TO THIS ALLEGED PROPOSAL. SUGGESTED ARE A) DEEPER GOI CONCERN THAN HAD BEEN EXPECTED ABOUT GETTING BACK THIRD ARMY AND ITS EQUIPMENT INTACT, B) EGYPTIAN NEED FOR THE FIFTY PILOTS WHO ARE SAID TO BE AMONG ISRAELI-HELD POWS, C) SECRET KISSINGER-SADAT UNDERSTANDING OF WHICH GOI UNINFORMED THAT US INTER-PRETATION OF RESOLUTION 242 AS MEANING ONLY INSUBSTANTIAL BORDER RECTIFICATIONS WILL CONTINUE TO APPLY,AND D) US OFFER OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT. KEATING

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